

## Baby Dedication

Christian Jamolod and Chael Abulencia will be dedicating their son Ethan at the morning service on Sunday, November 1st. This is Sita's Grandson.

Simon and Dilia Foreman will be dedicating their son Lorenzo at the morning service on Sunday, November 29th. This is Pastor Chris and Kim's Grandson.

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Week of Prayer for International Missions  
November 29th - December 6th



## 2009 East Bay Baptist Men's Retreat by Mike Fortner

This year the Men's retreat was held on board the USS Hornet on October 2 & 3. The Hornet, a WWII Aircraft Carrier, is now decommissioned and permanently anchored in Oakland as a museum. As a Navy Seal, I had the privilege of serving on the Hornet during the early 1960's. Six of us guys from First Southern went aboard: Al Thornell, JJ Blazin, Pete Dal Farro, Ken Day, Jess Taylor, and myself.

We were first taken down to our quarters on the 2<sup>nd</sup> deck, then to the mess decks for chow. Chow consisted of Chicken and Navy Baked Beans, and salad, with a cookie for dessert. We were escorted to the officer's wardroom for our evening meeting. We sang some songs of worship and praise and then we were introduced to Vance Hunter who was our speaker. He brought a challenging message about "A Few Good Men" from Joshua 14:6-15. Several young men came forward to except Christ as their Savior.

We were then escorted back to our berthing space with lights out at 23:00 hours. At 0700 hours we were awakened for morning chow. After this breakfast, we were escorted back to the wardroom for our morning session. We were challenged again to be Good Men for God. Vance used the time to give us exercises based on what he talked about the night before. In those exercises we met other men that were from other church groups. I pray that each man that went got challenged to be "Good Man for God".

After the session we were able to take tours of various parts of the ship. Some were shown the Navy Brig, others the Navy Seal Locker, the Sick Bay, and the engine room. However due to renovations, I was unable show the guys where I slept when I was living onboard.

Being on board the Hornet brought back lots of memories for me. I was challenged along with others to be a Good Man for Him. I ask that you pray for the six of us to continue to be "Good Men of God" for Jesus.

*"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"*

**Mike Brown** – Son-In-Law of Al & Jane Thornell  
**Branch** – Marines **Rank** – Master Sergeant  
**Assignment** – Stationed in Japan through August

**Todd Shaw** - Son of Bob & Caryl Shaw  
**Branch** - Army **Rank** - Staff Sergeant  
**Assignment** - Stationed in Kentucky

**Devon Henesley** - Grandson of Jean Johnson  
**Branch** - Navy **Rank** - Petty Officer 3rd class  
**Assignment** - Overseas

## Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 28th  
9:00 a.m.

It's that time again. We need your help! You are all welcome to come help decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m.

## Mark Your Calendar for Christmas Time Events!



December 5th ~ Church Christmas Party  
December 7th ~ Christmas Caroling ~ 6:00 p.m.  
December 13th ~ Christmas Cantata ~ 6:00 p.m.  
December 21st - December 25th ~ Office Closed  
December 31st - January 1st - Office Closed

## FROM THE PASTOR

### The Granny Scam

She first felt desperate, then she felt foolish, then victimized, then puzzled, then rattled, but finally she felt grateful.

As I talked with this great-grandmother and listened to her story, she first described her desperation. She said that a stranger from Canada had telephoned her a few days earlier. The man identified himself as a lawyer, calling her by name. Next, he named her grandson saying that he was in jail and was asking her to send him \$2000 for bail. Because of her compassionate heart, she immediately went to her bank and withdrew the money. When she told the bank tellers the purpose of the money, they said "Don't do it". Then she went to Western Union to wire the cash to Canada. They also said, "Don't do it. You might be the victim of a scam". They suggested that she call her grandson who lived in the northwest.

The great-grandmother called her grandson at his workplace and when she heard his voice at the other end of the line, she felt foolish. Of course it was a scam. She telephoned the FBI who explained that the so-called lawyer was really a con artist and that the Granny Scam [as it is called] had recently claimed many elderly victims in the East Bay.

But she was puzzled. She asked me, "How did they know my name and the name of my grandson?" After I explained the ease at which such information could be obtained over the internet, she told me that she still couldn't understand it. She shared that she was so rattled by the experience that she couldn't sleep for the past few nights.

But in the end, she said that she was grateful. She may have lost some sleep, but she didn't lose any money. She then asked me to warn all the "gullible old Christian ladies" about the Granny Scam. So if any of those words describe you, then consider yourself duly warned.

Chris A. Foreman

### Kim's Corner

#### Pull and Push

I stacked up books and binders in my arms to move them from my old office to my new one. I managed to stack them up as high as my head, and then I pushed the door with my body and walked to the new office. I tried to push the door with my body, but I realized that the door needed to be pulled open. I was struggling to hold on to the books with my chin and try to reach the doorknob with my hand. I thought I was going to drop everything. At that moment a passerby who saw me pulled the door for me; a small but kind act made a difference for me.

If we open our eyes and look around, we can see people in our church family who are carrying armfuls of heavy burdens. They are struggling. Their hands are tied. They need someone to pull that door for them to walk into a new room. Some have lost homes, some have lost jobs, and some have lost health. Just like the stranger who pulled that door open for me, I can be that someone who pulls the door open for others. A small, kind act can make a big difference in a person's life.

This year, our church will be making Thanksgiving baskets to share with our church family who need our pull. You can bring food (see the list on the bulletin board) or contribute money to fill the baskets. Let us remember last week's sermon on the parable of Rich man and Lazarus. The rich man saw the poor man's needs, but he was deliberately indifferent. He committed the sin of doing NOTHING. Let us do something! Let's share the burden of hurting members in our church family during this Thanksgiving season. Let's give them some reason to be thankful.



Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship  
5:00 p.m.

# November Calendar

- 4th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 9th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 11th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 15th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 18th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 21st - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 23rd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 25th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship -Cancelled
- 26th - Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed
  - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 27th - Office Closed
- 28th - Hanging of the Greens - 9:00 a.m.
  - Women's Potluck Brunch - 10:00 a.m.
- 29th - Lottie Moon Week of Prayer



- 2nd - Kyle Smith
- 7th - Barbara Martinez
- 9th - Oscar Torres
- 10th - Annabelle Hibbs
- 15th - Bob Shaw
- 15th - Alex Villafuerte
- 22nd - Steve Halbach
- 23rd - Betty Ivey
- 28th - Jual Lynne Rydell



- 28th - Gary & Mary Nell McCoy



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## ~ The Parables of Jesus ~

Pastor Chris will be continuing the sermon series called "the Parables of Jesus" on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. Join us for this journey through these timeless words of Christ

~ November 1 ~

Parable of the Wheat & Weeds  
[Matthew 13:24-30]

~ November 8 ~

Parable of the Treasure & Pearl  
[Matthew 13:44-45]

~ November 15 ~

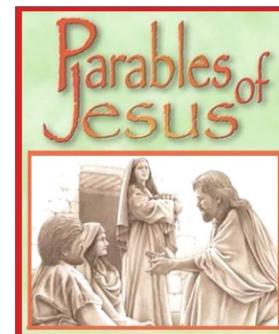
Parable of the Unmerciful Servant  
by Dr. Gary McCoy  
[Matthew 18:21-35]

~ November 22 ~

Parable of the Vineyard Workers  
[Matthew 20:1-16]

~ November 29 ~

Parable of the Ten Virgins  
[Matthew 25:1-13]



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## ~ Upcoming Sunday Evening Messages ~

Join us on Sunday evenings as Pastor Chris will be starting a new message called "What the World Believes".

~ November 1 ~ Orthodoxy

~ November 8 ~ Cults

~ November 15 ~ Occult

~ November 22 ~ Non-Christian

~ November 29 ~ Secular Religions

